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1. SUMMARY. THERE WERE 12 MURDERS DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2-8. IN ADDITION THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE JAMAICAN DEFENSE FORCE (JDF) ISSUED A STATEMENT OUTLINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MILITARY IN ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT ROLE UNDER THE SUPPRESSION OF CRIME ACT. THE ACTING MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THE STEPS BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE ELECTION PERIOD IS PEACEFUL AND THE ELECTION FREE AND FAIR. SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY TOURING IN A KINGSTON AREA CONSTITUENCY. NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON RESUMED HIS MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIO ON OCTOBER 7. THOMPSON ALSO RETURNED TO ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING AND CONFLICTING REPORTS CONCERNING FUNSHOTS BEING FIRED WHILE HE TOURED HIS CONSTITUENCY

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HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS. END SUMMARY.

2. INCIDENT BREAKDOWN, SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1980

A. TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED MURDERS 12
B. SUSPECTED POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED MURDERS 1
C. SUSPECTED CRIMINALLY-MOTIVATED MURDERS 3
D. MURDERS OF UNKNOWN MOTIVATION 3
E. PERSONS KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCE 3

THESE STATISTICS ARE FROM THE DAILY GLEANER WHICH REPORTS INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC).

3. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS:

A. BRIGADIER ROBERT NEISH, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE JDF, ISSUED A STATEMENT ON OCTOBER 3, CONCERNING THE MILITARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE SUPPRESSION OF CRIME ACT AND HIS POLICIES FOR THE CONDUCT OF HIS TROOPS.

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IT IS A STRONGLY WORDED STATEMENT DEMANDING PROFESSIONAL AND IMPARTIAL CONDUCT ON THE PART OF THE TROOPS IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES UNDER THE LIMITS OF THE LAW.

B. ACTING MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY CARLYLE DUNKLEY ISSUED A STATEMENT TO THE NATION ON OCTOBER 4 DIRECTED AT CALMING FEARS IN THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD. HE TOLD JAMAICANS THAT HE HAD TAKEN MEASURES TO INSURE THAT THE PNP AND JLP RALLIES SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 5 WOULD BE KEPT PEACEFUL. HE DESCRIBED THE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES AIMED AT INSURING FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS. HE OUTLINED THE ROLE OF THE SECURITY FORCES AND CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THEM IN CARRYING OUT THEIR LEGITIMATE MISSION.

C. SHOTS WERE FIRED OCTOBER 8 AT A PARTY LED BY PRIMIN MICHAEL

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MANLEY AS THEY TOURED A ST. ANDREW CONSTITUENCY. MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES RETURNED THE FIRE AND A 25 YEAR OLD MAN WAS WOUNDED AND A .45 REVOLVER AND THREE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION RECOVERED. NO ONE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY WAS INJURED AND THE TOUR CONTINUED.

D. MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY DUDLEY THOMPSON, IN CUBA SINCE AUGUST 19 RECEIVE TREATMENT FOR A HEART AILMENT RETURNED TO JAMAICA ON OCTOBER 1. HE ARRIVED IN TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS PARTY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MCNTEGO BAY, OCTOBER 3-5. HE RESUMED HIS DUTIES AS MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY ON OCTOBER 7. WHILE ON A TOUR OF HIS CONSTITUENCY ON OCT. 7, GUNFIRE WAS HEARD IN THE VICINITY. THE PRO-PNP DAILY NEWS REPORT INDICATES THAT SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THOMPSON AND HIS ENTourage WHILE THE PRO-JLP STAR CLAIMS THAT THE SHOTS WERE FIRED BY THOMPSON'S SUPPORTERS GIVING HIM A "SALUTE" ON HIS RETURN TO THE AREA.

4. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO SHARP INCREASE IN THE RATE OF MURDERS SINCE ELECTIONS WERE ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 5, HOWEVER, IN RECENT WEEKS THERE HAS BEEN AN UPTURN IN THE FREQUENCY OF POLITICAL CLASHES AND INCIDENTS NOT RESULTING IN DEATHS. WE EXPECT THESE - AS WELL AS DEATHS - TO INCREASE BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 30. NOMINATION DAY, OCTOBER 14, WILL BE THE NEXT MAJOR OCCASION FOR CLASHES TO OCCUR. END COMMENT.

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